

Bell companies operate an "essential facility", and should have to accommodate other ISP firms that wish to purchase access from them. This wholesale provisioning will stimulate competition and be of benefit to the consumers. To not do so would cripple the '96 Telecom Act. Chairman Powell: Please do not sell out to BIG BUSINESS, at the expense of competition and the small businesses of our country. Changing this would be ludicrous, "Does the government want more unemployment and the associated costs to further the current economic demise ? I would hope "My" government wants to stimulate the economy through job GROTH not elimination.